

**REMARKS**

Prior to examination on the merits, claims 1 and 14 are amended, and claim 2 canceled. All claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. An indication of the same is solicited.

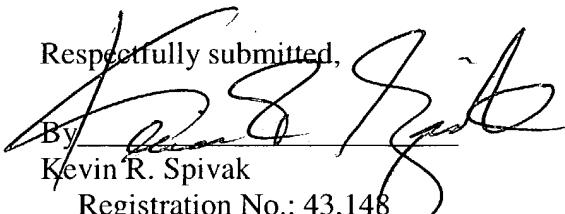
Applicant resubmits Second Preliminary as filed on February 11, 2004 but correctly cites proper status identifier as required by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 15, 2004 by the Examiner.

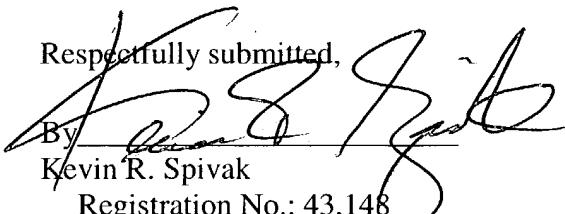
If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122038801. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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